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In re Application of Marius SILAGHI

Application No.: 09/647,300 PCT No.: PCT/IB00/00189

Int. Filing Date: 22 February 2000

Priority Date: 25 February 1999

Attorney Docket No.: None

For: SPEECH RECOGNITION AND SIGNAL ANALYSIS BY STRAIGHT SEARCH OF SUBSEQUENCES WITH MAXIMAL

CONFIDENCE MEASURE

The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 04 December 2000 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

DECISION

On 22 February 2000, applicant filed international application No. PCT/IB00/00189 which claimed priority of an earlier Romanian application filed 25 February 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States by the International Bureau on 31 August 2000. No Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was filed prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. Accordingly, the twenty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 25 October 2000.

On 29 September 2000, applicant filed a Transmittal Letter requesting entry into the national stage in the United States of America under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Filed with the Transmittal Letter were, inter alia, a declaration of the inventor, a copy of the international application and small entity statement. However, the requisite U.S. basic national fee did not accompany the filing.

On 26 October 2000, a Notification of Abandonment was mailed to applicant indicating that the application was abandoned for failure to provide the full U.S. basic national fee by the 20 month deadline.

On 04 December 2000, applicant filed the instant petition to revive along with authorization to charge his credit card \$500 for the U.S. basic national fee and the \$620 petition fee.

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Applicant's statement that the "entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3).

A review of the application file reveals that the required petition fee of \$620 has been paid and the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied. Therefore, the request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date is 04 December 2000.

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